

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract of the disclosure as follows:

A2 u A method and apparatus for breaking complex X86 segment operations and segmented memory addressing into explicit sub-operations so that they may be exposed to compiler or translator-based optimizations. A method includes providing a first segment selector for deriving a linear address of a segment descriptor in a first descriptor table and providing a second segment selector for deriving a linear address of a segment descriptor in a second descriptor table. The method also includes attempting an access of the first descriptor table to derive a segment descriptor, and if the access of the first descriptor table fails, attempting an access of the second descriptor table to derive a segment descriptor. The method also includes storing a derived segment descriptor from a successful attempted access in a descriptor register. u
